

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-39-2023]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 121, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; GE Vernova Operations, LLC; (Turbines and Generators); Schenectady, New York**

GE Vernova Operations, LLC submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Schenectady, New York within FTZ 121. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 8, 2023.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/ component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

The proposed finished products include: steam turbines; assemblies (steam turbine rotor; spindle; turbine blade; non-aircraft gas turbine; nacelle); wind turbine blades and hubs; valve type injectors; drive trains; turbine generators (gas; steam); stators and rotors; electrical connectors; motor starters; and, motor overload protectors (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.7%; 25¢ each + 3.9%).

The proposed foreign-status materials and components include: lubrication grease; acetone; petroleum oil; joint compound; stainless steel components (rivets; fittings; fasteners; cables; ladders; screws; pins; bolts; nuts; rods; washers; rings; dowels); electrical components (connectors; couplings; terminals; relays; switch limits); light-emitting diode lights; acrylic paints and varnishes; silicone and mastic; surface cleaning wipes; lubricants; adhesives and sealants; lubricant additives; anti-freeze coolants; polyvinyl chloride components (flexible trim; fittings); plastic components (pipe; hoses; plugs; shipping covers); anti-slip mat; tapes (electrical; adhesive; temperature resistant); labels (adhesive; magnetic; paper); nylon components (cable ties; connectors; trim; mounts; clamps; washers; pressure sleeves); rubber components (seals; hose kits; cable protectors; mats; O-rings; gaskets; grommets); generator mounts; wood

components (plates; shipping enclosures; steps; walkways); rope; flexible textile hose pipe; sandpaper; steel components (catwalks; walkways; brackets; columns; stiffeners; deflectors; support beams; spacers; trusses; platforms; screws; anchors; bolts; fasteners; wire; clamps; nuts; shims; mesh; supports; bushings; flanges; plates; hinges; latches; sign plates); copper components (fittings; wire; rails; conductors); aluminum components (catwalks; walkways; escape hatches; plates; clamps; brackets; ladders); hand tools; locks; friction system assemblies; turbine parts; cooling system pump units; grease pumps; fans and fan assemblies; passive cooling systems (heat exchanger; manifold); gas separation screens; cranes; pitch bearings, retractors, and drives; grease distributors; roller bearings; transmission cranks and shafts; pillow block bearings; gearboxes; universal joints; parts of gearboxes, transmissions, bearing housings, and shaft bearings; lubrication seals; multi-phase AC motors and motor assemblies; AC generators; generator parts; transformers; power supplies and converters; static converter plates; magnets; heater assemblies; modems and modem assemblies; keypad alarms; temperature cable harnesses; circuit breakers; surge protectors; terminals; programmable controllers; switchgear assemblies and switchboards; switchgear and switchboard rails and covers; alarms and sensors; cable harnesses, electrical cables, patches, and connectors; fiber optic cables; carbon brushes; ceramic electrical insulators; plastic insulating fittings and reducers; anemometers; speed sensor parts; accelerometer parts; and, brushes with polyester bristles (duty free to 8.5%; 1.3¢/kg + 5.7%; 84¢/bbl.; 25¢ each + 3.9%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is July 26, 2023.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information System" section of the Board's website.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at [juanita.chen@trade.gov](mailto:juanita.chen@trade.gov).

Dated: June 13, 2023.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Bureau of Industry and Security

**In the Matter of: Eli Espinoza, Inmate Number: 19495-479, FCI Three Rivers, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 4200, Three Rivers, TX 78071; Order Denying Export Privileges**

On December 14, 2020, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Eli Espinoza ("Espinoza") was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 554(a). Specifically, Espinoza was convicted of smuggling and attempting to smuggle from the United States to Mexico firearms components to include, front trunnion, AK bolt body, upper hand guard and gad tube, rear sight block, recoil spring rear guide, dust cover, trigger for semi-automatic rifle, bolt carrier assembly and bolt catch, without a license or written approval from the US Department of Commerce. As a result of his conviction, the Court sentenced Espinoza to 63 months of confinement, three years of supervised release, and a \$100 assessment.

Pursuant to section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act ("ECRA"),<sup>1</sup> the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 554, may be denied for a period of up to ten (10) years from the date of his/her conviction. 50 U.S.C. 4819(e). In addition, any Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS") licenses or other authorizations issued under ECRA, in which the person had an interest at the time of the conviction, may be revoked. *Id.*

BIS received notice of Espinoza's conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. 554. As provided in section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR" or the "Regulations"), BIS provided notice and opportunity for Espinoza to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>2</sup> BIS has not received a written submission from Espinoza.

Based upon my review of the record and consultations with BIS's Office of Exporter Services, including its

<sup>1</sup> ECRA was enacted on August 13, 2018, as part of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and as amended is codified at 50 U.S.C. 4801-4852.

<sup>2</sup> The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730-774 (2022).